any scheme in preparation or under contemplation to augment the resources of the several Panchayats apart from the contribution. Unless some such attempt is made it is no use saying that the Government is not doing all that they can do, because the whole thing depends on the finances at the disposal of the Government. Therefore I support this resolution not in the sense that amounts should be supplied by the Government, but an attempt should be made to increase the financial resources of the Panchayats to augment the contribution from Government.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—This road maintenance question has already engaged the attention of Government. The allotment for the maintenance of Panchayat roads used to be between 17 and 18 thousands a year. This year it is Rs. 18,701. The number of miles of Panchayat roads to be maintained is 545. So the allotment may seem insufficient. But it must also be noted that on several of these roads there is not much of heavy traffic. However Government ordered a remeasurement of all these roads and the preparation of road-war estimates for maintenance, the rate for each mile of road being fixed according to the importance of the road. According to the estimates thus prepared the total cost of maintenance comes to Rs. 31,777 as against Rs. 18,701 provided for the current year, and Government have sanctioned this amount from 1108 onwards. I presume this will be considered satisfactory.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I move that the House do adjourn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I second it

Deputy President.—It is only half past 3. We shall sit for one hour more and finish the business. Those who want to go may go. Do you want to press the motion?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—No. The Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri is very anxious to sit here and enjoy.

36. Bureau of Economics and Statistics.

As the mover was absent the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to establish a bureau of Economics and Statistics in the State.*"

37. Women warders and watchers for women undertrial Prisoners.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to appoint women warders and watchers to afford protection and safety to women under trial prisoners.*"

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